**Strength for our struggles**

**Eph. 6:11 – Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil**

**Review**

Believers stand strong in their struggles

Believers stand strong in their struggles by the presence of God

Believers stand strong in their struggles by the strength of God in their mind, emotions & will

**So how do we continue to stand firm in our struggles?**

1. **Christians put on the spiritual armor & weapons of God to stand firm**
2. Put on the **belt of truth** – the belt of truth
3. Put on the body armor of **God’s righteousness**
4. Put on shoes of **peace**
5. Take up the shield of **faith** that stops the fiery darts of the devil
6. Put on the helmet of **salvation**
7. Take up the sword of the Spirit **the word of God**

Here are the things that protect believers in their struggles

* Truth
* The righteousness of Christ
* Peace of God
* Faith in God
* Salvation in Jesus Christ
* The word of God
1. **Believers stand firm in their spiritual armor against the strategies of the devil**
2. Fact #1 – the devil is a fallen angel who seeks to destroy & discredit the believer’s witness
3. Fact #2 – the devil seeks to attack the believer preventing him from having victory in Jesus Christ
4. Fact 3# - the devil has strategies – methods – processes for his work
* He accuses believers about their past sins & failures toward God & others
* He twists the truth of God’s word
* He lies about God’s work & ways

**These methods are his fiery darts – they sting, they come from all kinds of places, they affect the mind & thought process.**

1. **Believes will be victorious – will stand their ground against the devil in their spiritual armor. Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able stand firm against the schemes of the devil**